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SCREWDRIVER HANDLE WITH STORAGE  
CHAMBER FOR SCREWDRIVER BITS

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CONFIRMATION OF ELECTION, AND AMENDMENT

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated  
February 21, 2008.

INTRODUCTION

The Office Action notified the Applicant that the previously made  
election of claims for prosecution was not clear because of a  
failure to adequately identify the elected species. To clarify  
the matter, the election is repeated herein with identification  
of the species and the claims readable thereon, which species and  
claims were intended to be set forth clearly in the previously  
submitted response.

Further, in the Office Action, the Examiner noted that with respect to the newly submitted set of drawings, the subject matter portrayed in the drawing figures appeared to be directed only to the subject matter of the elected species (species b.), and that subject matter specific only to the non-elected species (species a) was not shown. As a result, certain claims are no longer supported by the drawing figures, and certain subject matter set forth in the specification is no longer disclosed in the drawing figures. In order to provide conformance between the drawing figures, the claims, and the specification, this response includes an amendment canceling those claims that are no longer supported by the drawing figures, and canceling portions of the text of the specification having subject matter that is no longer referenced in the drawing figures.

A substitute specification was requested in the Office Action. A substitute specification, in conformance with prior amendments to the specification, and reflecting the further changes provided by the present amendment, is attached including a clean copy.

Amendment of the specification begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendment of the claims begins on page 4 of this paper.

The election is set forth in the Remarks which begins on page 10 of this paper.